

Monday: 08 03 217  
Psalm 38

Reflection: David was a flawed person. He may have been deemed the man after the very heart of God; yet he had a natural habit of making mistakes. Some small and some reasonably devastating. He did know when and how to return to God to ask forgiveness.

Application: We really aren't very different. We make promises we can't keep. We use our free time to satisfy personal interests at the expense of others. We tend to get caught up with the daily task of life and forget to set aside time to study God's Word and to pray to him each day.

Challenge: Perhaps that is the challenge? It sit down and create a roster of all the daily tasks we need to do and to assign a specific time each day to read the Bible.

Tuesday: 09 03 21  
1 Samuel 15:17

Reflection: Saul must have had a low opinion of himself. Samuel is trying to explain to him that he might have thought of himself as small, but God had set him as the leader of all the tribes. What Saul did was to fail in grasping that he was chosen by God and not by the people. He tried to win over then people at the cost of his relationship with God.

Application: There are some within today's church that make the same mistake. They try and become popular by pandering to whatever the congregation deems to be trending. The further the move with the flow the farther they move away from God.

Challenge: Can we see either on our lives or those of others around us a moving away from God? If so, how can we best return to God's side.

Wednesday: 10 03 21  
James 4:1-10

Reflection: In the movie The Exorcist God is made out to be somewhat weak. The priest goes to tackle a demon possessed girl and set her free. Only to be thwarted by a demon that claims to be the Devil himself. In the movie the demon is made out to be as strong as God himself and the priests are made to be fickle and unable at times to rely on God.

Application: The reality is far more comforting and reassuring. We know that with God we are able to defeat any attack that the devil or his demons may send at us. We have a role in fact in defeating evil and doing what is good. We are told to quickly from immorality (1 Cor 6:18) from idolatry (1 Cor 10:14) from greed (1 Tim 6:10-11).

Challenge: When tempted or challenged, always know that you are empowered by God himself.

Thursday: 11 03 21  
Galatians 3:26

Reflection: Jesus asked His disciples "Who do the people say I am?" (Mark 8:27). He were several answers; such as as one of the great prophets from the past. Yet the true answer was that Jesus was the Christ as foretold in the prophecies.

Application: We each can be identified by a range of titles and names. I know that I can be referred to the guy who has a regular lunch group that meets every Friday at Vanilla Café. I also would like to think that among some of those titles I'm referred to as the Christian who goes to Church and prays.

Challenge: What titles do you have? Are some of them feel good names? Or are there some that make you cringe? Would you be referred to you as a Christian who goes to Church and prays?

Friday: 12 03 21  
Psalm 92:14

Reflection: We can gain a wealth of wisdom from the Psalms. Words that still ring true after all the ages. Here we are instructed that the aged have a special knowledge that will continue to add value to our world and our individual lives.

Application: It is said that Doctor Livingston had died while on his knees in prayer. His last words were written and set before him.

"My Jesus, my King, my life, my all; to thee again I dedicate every myself". For Livingston every day was amazing and valuable. His life and passion can still have a power to motivate people today. Just like Paul he never stopped looking for ways to be fruitful.

Challenge: In our Bowenfels Church we have friends who also have a wealth of faith to share.

Saturday: 13 03 21  
Deuteronomy 4:9

Reflection: There's a man named David Isay. He is known as a radio producer. One of his quotes is that he believes we need to hear from the regular people in the world. As they, not the celebrities, have contributed so much to our very world and society. Their simple and unique stories can be in many ways more important to those of celebrities.

Application: In a Church community there are many hands and minds that help to keep things working. Unseen and quietly working behind the scenes, they keep things clean and working. These are the stories of the dedicated.

Challenge: Would there be value in setting aside a day a year to thank them?

## *Day by Day*



Daily, Lord will I seek three blessed things.  
Always to perceive thee more clearly.  
Yearning to adore thee more dearly.  
By faith to follow the more nearly.  
Yea Lord, I pray these three precious things.  
Daily on my journey of the cross.  
Arise my heart, sing Gods' praise each day.  
Yahweh be worshiped in the highest.

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## **Six days to Sunday**



## **Stepping Stones of Faith 08 03 21**

*We believe in the Bible over all of life  
and that Salvation is: In Christ alone,  
by Grace alone, through Faith alone.*